



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6257

LCO No. 2135

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:

REP. URBAN, 43rd Dist.

REP. HORNISH, 62nd Dist.

REP. FONTANA, 87th Dist.

***AN ACT REQUIRING COURT-ORDERED COUNSELING FOR
JUVENILES CHARGED OR CONVICTED OF ANIMAL CRUELTY
OFFENSES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That subsection (c) of section 46b-140 and section 54-76j of the
- 2 general statutes be amended to require the court to order psychiatric or
- 3 psychological counseling, rather than only permit such counseling as
- 4 currently provided, for any child charged or convicted as delinquent
- 5 pursuant to section 53-247 of the general statutes of a "cruelty to
- 6 animal" crime.

Statement of Purpose:

To end the cycle of violence associated with animal cruelty offenses by requiring juveniles charged or convicted of such offenses to receive counseling.